Colchester Public Schools

PROPOSED POLICY UPDATE (CABE LANGUAGE ADDITIONS)

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STUDENTS

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Colchester Board of Education has designated the following information as directory information:

~~Student's name~~
~~Student photograph~~
~~Most recent public school attended by the student~~
~~Dates of enrollment in the Colchester Public Schools~~
~~Grade-level~~
~~Participation in school-sponsored activities and sports~~
~~Weight and height as required by interscholastic athletic team competition~~
~~Degrees, honors, and awards received~~
~~Videotape of student participation in a public performance~~

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Grade level
- Major Field(s) of study
- Photographic, computer and/or video images
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- ~~Grade levels~~
- ~~Electronic mail address~~
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- Dates of attendance
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

A student's social security number, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose and is prohibited from designation as directory information. A student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge may be considered as directory information only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticates the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

In accordance with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, The Colchester Public Schools may disclose the above-designated 'directory information' without written consent. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Colchester Public School District to include this type of information from students' education records in certain school and community publications. Examples include yearbooks, honor rolls or other recognition lists, graduation programs, event programs/playbills, sports activity lists, press release about a school-sponsored student award, accomplishment or activity participation, and the publication of a public drama, band, choral and/or athletic performance on local or cable television or the district website.

Parents/guardians who do not want the Colchester Public Schools to disclose directory information from their child(ren)'s educational records without prior written consent must notify the school principal in writing on an annual basis.

Military recruiters, technical, magnet and charter school officials, and/or institutions of higher learning shall have access to secondary school student names, addresses and telephone listings unless a secondary student or the parent of the students annually requests that such information not be released without written parental/guardian consent. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will notify parents of the option to make such a request and the district shall comply with any request received.

Any person or organization denied the rights accorded under this policy shall have the right to request a review of the decision by the Board of Education by filing a written request with the Superintendent of Schools.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:
1-210 (11) Access to public records. Exempt records
10-221b Boards of education to establish written uniform policy re treatment of recruiters
P.L. 106-398, 2000 H.R. 4205: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001
P.L. 107-110, "No Child Left Behind Act," Title IX, Sec. 9528
FERPA 34 CFR Sec. 99.31(a)(10) and Sec. 99.36

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